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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING METAL COMPOUNDS FROM  
WASTE MATERIAL

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above captioned application before examination as follows.

**In the title:**

Delete "MATERIAL" and substitute - -WATER- -.

**In the claims:**

Please Cancel claims 2-6.

Please add the following new claims 7-31

*Sub. B1* 7. A method for removing metal compounds comprising copper metal compounds from waste water comprising the steps of:

- A1*
- (a) adjusting the pH of the waste water to from about 5 to about 12;
  - (b) aerating the waste water;
  - (c) agitating the waste water, where steps (a), (b) and (c) are carried out simultaneously in a reaction tank and waste water is aerated in said reaction tank to provide a dissolved oxygen concentration at from about 0.01 lb./hr. to about 70 lbs./hr. at a waste
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